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Serial No.:	10/078,612	§		
		§	Examiner:	Jennifer R. Dougherty
Filed:	February 19, 2002	§		
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For:	Thru-Tubing Sand Control Method and Apparatus	§	Atty. Dkt. No.:	68.0127CNT1 (SHL.0147C1US)
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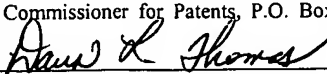
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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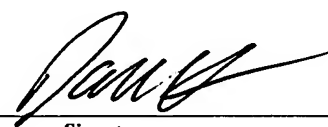

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Serial No. 10/078,612	Filing Date February 19, 2002	Examiner Jennifer R. Dougherty	Group Art Unit 3672		
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